

On Pause

Republicans Rush To Shut US Borders to Syrian Refugees

House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wis., joined by House Majority Whip Steve Scalise of La., left, meets with reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015, following a GOP strategy session. Calling this a “moment where it’s better to be safe than to be sorry,” Speaker Ryan says there should be a “pause” in Syrian refugees coming to the U.S. in the wake of the Paris attacks, and has assembled a task force to bring legislation to a vote as soon as this week.

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From left, Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn of Texas, and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., participate in a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015. The group was laughing as a reporter's cell phone being used as a recording device had just rung during the news conference.

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans urged an immediate closure of America's borders to Syrian refugees Tuesday, drawing angry denunciations from some Democrats and igniting an emotional debate about U.S. values in the wake of the deadly Paris terror attacks.

"Pause" was the word used by both new House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, both Republicans, urging at least a temporary halt in the resettlement of Syrians and disputing Obama administration claims that the small numbers making their way here so far are being thoroughly investigated.

The administration showed no sign of backing off its plans to bring an additional 10,000 Syrian refugees to the U.S. and mounted a hasty defense of its vetting process, which Attorney General Loretta Lynch assured Congress is "robust." Yet there were signs that Democratic allies might abandon the White House on the issue. Chuck Schumer, the third-ranking Senate Democrat, broke with most in his party and told reporters that a pause in accepting Syrian refugees "may be necessary."

Schumer's comment underscored what could become an increasingly uncomfortable position for Democrats as worried voters seek assurances that Friday's carnage in the streets of Paris will not be repeated here. Some lawmakers pointed to indications that one of the Islamic State attackers carried a Syrian passport and may have arrived in France among waves of desperate refugees. Yet Germany's top security official said the passport might have been a fake intended to stoke fears.

Amid the uncertainty, Ryan confronted an unexpected foreign policy test in his third week on the job. Ahead of a classified briefing Tuesday evening for lawmakers he assembled a task force of committee chairmen to bring refugee legislation to the floor as soon as this week.

"This is a moment where it's better to be safe than to be sorry," he said. "So we think the prudent, the responsible thing is to take a pause in this particular aspect of this refugee program in order to verify that terrorists are not trying to infiltrate the refugee population."

McConnell echoed that call within hours, remarking: "It's pretty clear how the American people feel

about this."

After an initial meeting of the House Republican task force Tuesday, aides to Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy said the focus of legislation would be on stopping Syrian refugee resettlement until the administration can offer assurances that no terrorists are being admitted, including via FBI background investigations. Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, a Democrat, said the vetting process should be made stronger if possible and the White House was looking at how to do so.

On the campaign trail, Republican presidential candidates denounced the Obama administration's strategy against the Islamic State group that

has claimed responsibility for the Paris attacks. More governors announced their objections to receiving any refugees from the civil war in Syria. Those governors included at least one Democrat, Maggie Hassan of New Hampshire, who is running for the Senate. The backlash against Syrian refugees rose up just a few months after a photo of a small boy lying lifeless on a beach sparked calls of compassion for Syrians facing brutality in their home country. Some Democrats and refugee advocates likened the GOP reaction to the U.S. government turning away Jews fleeing Nazi Germany and placing Japanese in internment camps during World War II. □



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In signal to China, Obama to give 2 ships to Philippines

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WASHINGTON/MANILA, Philippines (AP) — With a towering warship behind him, President Barack Obama announced Tuesday that the U.S. will hand over two ships to the Philippine Navy to boost its maritime security capabilities, in a bid to show the U.S. and its allies won't be cowed by China in disputed waters far off its coast. Obama said the pair of ships — one U.S. Coast Guard cutter, one re-

search vessel — were part of a broader American plan to scale up assistance to naval forces in South-east Asia, where coastal nations feel threatened by China's aggressive moves to assert control over the South China Sea. Obama said the U.S. had an "iron-clad commitment" to the Philippines — a U.S. treaty ally — and a mutual commitment to free and safe navigation at sea. "More capable navies, in partnership with the United States, are critical to the security of this region,"

Obama said as he opened a six-day tour of the Philippines and Malaysia. He said the ships would help the Philippines navigate and patrol its territorial waters. Obama never mentioned China by name as he stood in front of the BRP Gregorio del Pilar, a onetime U.S.-owned frigate, but the intended recipient of his message was clear. As regional tensions with China have simmered in recent years, the U.S. has sought out symbolic ways to counter Beijing's claims in the



U.S. President Barack Obama speaks to reporters after touring the BRP Gregorio del Pilar in Manila, Philippines, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015. The BRP Gregorio del Pilar is an advanced Philippine Navy frigate once owned by the United States. While in Manila, Obama will attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit with nearly two dozen other leaders.

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region without putting itself in direct confrontation with the powerhouse nation. Earlier this month, U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter boarded a U.S. aircraft carrier plodding through the South China Sea, a week after a U.S. Navy destroyer patrolled within seven miles of a reef where China is building an artificial island and has asserted a 12-mile territorial boundary. The U.S. has refused to comply with China's self-proclaimed air defense zone over the nearby East China Sea. Obama's announcement came at the start of his ninth trip to Asia, and this one, like the others, was designed to illustrate his efforts to strengthen alliances as part of his seven-year campaign to increase U.S. influence in Asia. "You can count on the United States," the president said. During back-to-back summits in Manila

and Kuala Lumpur, Obama planned a particular focus on touting the Trans-Pacific Partnership that the U.S. recently struck with 11 other nations — China not included. The sweeping free trade agreement is at the heart of Obama's Asia policy, but its prospects for ratification by U.S. lawmakers remain uncertain. Flanked by U.S. and Philippine troops, Obama said he would seek to provide another \$140 million in maritime security aid to Southeast Asia next year, although it was unclear whether Congress would approve those funds. The Philippine government's eagerness for more muscular U.S. military assistance here illustrates how concerns about China appear to have superseded the nation's resentment of its former colonial master and its reluctance to give U.S. troops free reign. □

Investigators: Man shot by Minneapolis police has died

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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Authorities said Tuesday that a black man who was shot in an apparent scuffle with Minneapolis police officers has died.

Jamar O'Neal Clark, 24, died Monday evening, the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said. Clark's family had said he was on life support in the wake of the shooting early Sunday morning. An autopsy is planned.

The shooting has sparked protests in Minneapolis, including one Monday night in which more than 50 people were arrested after the blocked an interstate highway. Some community members have alleged that Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, which police have disputed.

The protests are just the latest expression of tension between the department and minorities in the city.

The rocky relations have led to discussions between police and minorities and the creation of task forces designed to quell concerns. This spring, Minneapolis was selected for a federal Justice Department program to rebuild trust between police and the communities they patrol. The BCA is investigating the case, but Mayor Betsy Hodges has requested a federal civil rights investigation.

Clark's brother, Jamine Robinson, 32, told The Associated Press earlier Tues-

day that family members had gone to the hospital Monday evening to take Clark off life support. He said he didn't go because he didn't want to see his brother in a hospital bed.

"I want the officer to be arrested, prosecuted and put in jail for eternity. Life without parole," said Robinson.

Authorities haven't released many details about the shooting, including the names and races of the officers involved. The BCA scheduled a news conference for later Tuesday to discuss the case.

In seeking the civil rights investigation, Hodges said she was concerned about "transparency and community confidence." She expressed faith in the state investigation but said the city needs "all the tools we have available to us."

Two officers are on paid leave, which is standard practice after such an incident. Police Chief Janee Harteau said the officers were not wearing body cameras, but declined to say whether squad car or surveillance video was available, citing the ongoing investigation.

Protesters have set up tents around the 4th Precinct station near where the shooting occurred and said they won't leave until authorities release any video they have of the incident along with the officer's identity.

Police said the incident began when they were



Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) Superintendent Drew Evans briefs the media Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015 in St. Paul, Minn., with an investigative update in the shooting of Jamar Clark by a Minneapolis police officer. Clark, who was on life support, died Monday evening.

(AP Photo/Jim Mone)

called to north Minneapolis around 12:45 a.m. Sunday following a report of an assault. When they arrived, a man was interfering with paramedics help-

ing the victim, police said. Officers tried to calm him, but there was a struggle. At some point, an officer fired at least once, hitting the man, police said. □

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Cops: Drunk woman tried to open London-to-Boston jet's exit door

BOSTON (AP) — Police say a drunken passenger who tried to open an exit door on a London-to-Boston flight is being charged with interfering with a flight crew.

State police say the incident isn't believed to have a link to terrorism. They identified the passenger as 32-year-old Kamila Dolniak, a citizen of Poland.

Police said Dolniak was restrained Tuesday on British Airways Flight 213. The flight

landed about a half-hour ahead of schedule at Boston's Logan International Airport at 1:30 p.m.

A clerk is expected to set bail. If Dolniak is able to post bail, she will be placed in the custody of U.S. Customs and Border Protection pending her arraignment Wednesday.

If she can't post bail, she will be held at the airport state police barracks overnight and taken to court Wednesday. □

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Video shows wife's last moments in Facebook killer case

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AP Legal Affairs Writer

MIAMI (AP) — A jury on Tuesday viewed a surveillance video depicting the final moments of a young wife's life before she was fatally shot by her husband, who later posted a photo of her dead body on Facebook and insists he fired in self-defense.

The video, from one of several cameras at the couple's South Miami home, shows no evidence that 27-year-old Jennifer Alfonso was physically attacking Derek Medina as he claims before he gunned her down in their kitchen in August 2013. But the video angle also does not capture everything that happened in the kitchen, nor the shooting itself.

Two police officers who dealt with Medina the day of the slaying testified that he never asked for medical attention and showed no evidence of physical injury. Medina told police



Derek Medina, center, talks to his attorneys, Mauricio Padilla, left and Saam Zangeneh, during day five of his trial for the murder of his wife, and then posting her body on Facebook, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015 in Miami.
(Walter Michot/Miami Herald via AP, Pool)

in a videotaped statement played earlier in his trial that Alfonso regularly abused him and had been hitting and pushing him forcefully before the shooting.

"Did you observe any obvious signs of injury to Mr. Medina?" prosecutor J.

Scott Dunn asked South Miami police Det. Matt Taylor, who drove Medina to the Miami-Dade Police Department for questioning shortly after the killing.

"No," Taylor replied. Earlier, police photos introduced as evidence

showed no marks indicating any fight on Medina's body or head and no cuts or scratches to his hands. In the surveillance video, Alfonso is shown going in and out of the couple's kitchen, at one point washing a few dishes and at an-

other briefly opening and closing the townhouse's front door. Medina comes into the kitchen and both are off camera, then he leaves and comes back — which is when the shooting happened.

Puffs of gunpowder can be seen swirling in the air around the camera. Medina then appears to use his cellphone to take the Facebook photo and leaves the house after changing clothes. He later turned himself in to police. Medina said in his police statement that Alfonso came at him with a knife and that he was able to disarm her, then went upstairs to get his .380-caliber handgun. Alfonso was shot eight times.

"Is Jennifer seen attacking Derek as he went upstairs to retrieve the firearm he would eventually use to shoot her dead?" Dunn asked lead Miami-Dade police Det. Jonathan Grossman. □

Sheriff says suspect befriended victims later found slain

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MIDLOTHIAN, Texas (AP) —

The man charged in the killings of six people at a Texas campsite had earlier befriended the victims and helped dislodge one of their vehicles from mud, a sheriff said Tuesday.

William Hudson, 33, spent time with the group Saturday and then returned hours later and killed them all, though authorities have not said how, Anderson County Sheriff Greg Taylor said. Taylor declined to elaborate on the attack or a motive, but said Tuesday that there were "several different crime scenes."



This photo provided by the Anderson County Sheriff's Office shows William Hudson.
(AP Photo)

The victims were part of a blended family that had come from as far away as California for a week-

end together to camp on wooded land that 46-year-old Thomas Kamp had purchased in August, according to Steven Woodruff, who was Kamp's uncle.

The land was adjacent to property owned by Hudson and his family about 100 miles (160 kilometers) southeast of Dallas, Taylor said.

Kamp had lived for several years in Midlothian, south of Dallas, with Hannah Johnson, 40, and her 6-year-old son Kade. They were joined last weekend by Johnson's parents, Carl and Cynthia Johnson, and Kamp's two sons from a previous marriage, Nathan and Austin Kamp, who

were California residents. The family also was celebrating Nathan Kamp's 24th birthday.

Cynthia Johnson escaped the attack and hid in woods before calling police for help.

"Nothing can describe the pain and sorrow of the remaining family members," Woodruff told reporters at a news conference on Tuesday afternoon.

Two of the victims were found by sheriff's deputies in a travel camper. The other bodies, including Kade's, were later pulled from a pond about a half-mile away.

"I've been in law enforcement for 31 years and I've

never seen anything like this," Taylor said.

One of Hannah Johnson's friends, Michael Gilbert, said she grew up and attended school in Maine and later lived in suburban Boston before moving to Texas to be closer to her parents, who had retired there.

"She loved it down there and was really happy," he said in a phone interview, adding that she found a job she liked with an insurance company in Fort Worth.

Gilbert said she enjoyed camping and about a year ago bought an Air-stream travel camper that she had long coveted. □



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Gain in consumer prices could keep a Fed rate hike on track

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

The costs of food, gasoline, shelter and medical care rose last month, a sign that consumer inflation may be moving up toward the Federal Reserve's target level and keeping the Fed on track to raise short-term interest rates from record lows next month.

The consumer price index rose 0.2 percent in October after falling the prior two months, the Labor Department said Tuesday. The average retail gas price rose 0.4 percent, though it remains 28 percent below last year's level.

"October's inflation numbers are just the sort of confirmation the Fed is looking for that domestic strength is generating inflationary pressures," said Leslie Preston, an economist at TD Bank. Despite last month's acceleration, inflation has been held in check over the past year, causing the Fed to put off a rate hike as it weighed the potential expense to economic growth. Americans have been shielded from inflation largely because of lower energy prices coupled with a strong dollar that has made imports such as clothes and cars less expensive. The overall consumer price index has risen a mere 0.2 percent from a year ago. But core inflation, which excludes volatile food and energy prices, advanced 0.2 percent from September and 1.9 percent from a year ago.

Clothing and shoe expenses fell in October, as did prices for new autos. But grocery shoppers paid more for bread, bacon, chicken, turkey and fruits and vegetables increased last month. The cost of hospital services shot up 2 per-

cent from September, the largest monthly increase recorded for this category. Airline fares soared 1.5 percent in the past month.

Much of the inflation within the economy stems from higher rents and home values.

Shelter accounts for roughly a third of the index. Housing costs increased 0.3 percent in October and 3.2 percent in the past year.

Fed officials have been carefully monitoring the economy for an upturn in inflation as part of its plan to eventually raise short-term interest rates from historic lows.

The U.S. central bank targets inflation at 2 percent, enough to encourage a healthy level of consumer spending while also warding off risks of deflation that could cause the economy to stall.

The unemployment rate has improved to a healthy 5 percent, compared to 5.7 percent a year ago. The strong job market has traditionally justified higher Fed rates, except that the level of inflation associated with a stable economy has yet to materialize.

As a result, Fed policymakers have continued to hold the key federal funds rate — the interest banks charge each other overnight — at the near-zero levels set during the financial meltdown in 2008.

The Fed's preferred measure of inflation, personal consumption expenditures, has less of an emphasis on housing costs and has risen just 0.2 percent from a year ago. Global economic pressures are also dampening inflation. The dollar has appreciated against foreign currencies such as the euro, making imported goods cheaper for consumers and businesses. □



A customer refuels her car at a Costco in Pittsburgh. U.S. consumer prices rose modestly in October, 2015 as low gasoline costs and a strong dollar have suppressed inflation. The Labor Department says the consumer price index rose 0.2 percent last month after falling in September and August. Gas costs increased 0.4 percent in October but have plunged 27.8 percent over the past 12 months. (AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar)

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French hunt 2nd fugitive, launch new airstrikes on IS



A police officer stands by a Renault Clio with Belgian license plates and being removed in Paris, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015. The car, that could be linked to Friday's attacks, was discovered near the commuter train line that links to France's national stadium, which was a site targeted by 3 suicide bombers. (AP Photo/Thibault Camus)

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PARIS (AP) — French police are hunting for a second fugitive directly involved in the deadly Paris attacks, officials said Tuesday, as France made an unprec-

edented demand that its European Union allies support its military action against the Islamic State group. The disclosure of a second possible fugitive, whom authorities said they hadn't identified, came as French

and Russian warplanes pounded the jihadi group's self-declared capital in Syria. President Vladimir Putin ordered a Russian military cruiser to work with France on fighting the militants in Syria and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry hinted at

a possible Syrian cease-fire so the world could focus on crushing IS. French and Belgian police were already looking for a key suspect, 26-year-old Salah Abdeslam, whose suicide-bomber brother, Brahim, died in the attacks Friday night that killed at least 129 people and left over 350 wounded in Paris. Islamic state militants have claimed responsibility for the carnage. Seven attackers died that night — three near the national stadium, three inside the Bataclan concert hall and one at a restaurant nearby. A team of gunmen also opened fire at night-spots in one of Paris' trendiest neighborhoods. However, French officials told The Associated Press on Tuesday that an analysis of the attacks showed that one person directly involved in them was unaccounted for. The three officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to provide details about the ongoing investigation, said the second fugitive

has not been identified. The Paris attacks have galvanized international determination to confront the militants. The French government invoked a never-before-used article of the EU's Lisbon Treaty obliging members of the 28-nation bloc to give "aid and assistance by all the means in their power" to a member country that is "the victim of armed aggression on its territory." French Defense Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said all 27 of France's EU partners responded positively. "Every country said: I am going to assist, I am going to help," Drian said. Arriving for talks in Brussels, Greek Defense Minister Panagiotis Kammenos told reporters that the Paris attacks were a game-changer for the bloc. "This is Sept. 11 for Europe," he said. Paris police said 16 people had been arrested in connection to the deadly attacks, and police have carried out 104 raids since a state of emergency was declared Saturday. □



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Germany-Netherlands match called off shortly before kickoff on fears of terror

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Associated Press
HANNOVER, Germany (AP)** — The friendly soccer game between Germany and the Netherlands was canceled at short notice due to the serious threat of an attack at the stadium on Tuesday. "We had concrete evidence that someone wanted to set off an explosive device in the stadium," Hannover police chief Volker Kluwe told German TV. Referring to another bomb threat about an hour beforehand that turned out to be a false alarm, Kluwe said, "After the first object turned out to be harmless, we got a tip that had to be taken seriously that an attack was being planned." Lower Saxony Interior Minister Boris Pistorius, speaking at a late news confer-

ence, said no explosives had been found by then, and no arrests had been made. Pistorius said there was no confirmation of rumors that an explosive device was placed in an ambulance or another vehicle inside or outside the stadium. Federal Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere told the same news conference that indications of a planned attack became stronger as the match approached, and that the game was called off at his recommendation. De Maiziere said he could give few details because he needed to protect the source of information, and because "part of these answers would upset the population." One of two caretaker presidents in charge of

the German football federation, Reinhard Rauball, said the German team was about five kilometers away from the stadium when he called and told them to turn around. Rauball also told two Dutch ministers and the country's ambassador of the threat and the decision to cancel the game. "It's a sad day for German football," Rauball said. Rauball added that the German players had left Hannover by late evening through various means, and that the Dutch team was flying out. Police shut down parts of the main Hannover train station and several subway stations while searching the area around the stadium. A jazz concert at which around 900 concert-goers were expected was also cancelled. □

Putin vows to hunt down, punish those who bombed Russian jet

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MOSCOW (AP) — A somber President Vladimir Putin vowed to hunt down and punish those responsible for a bomb that brought down a Russian passenger jet last month, "wherever they are hiding." Intensified Russian airstrikes Tuesday hit the Islamic State group's stronghold in Syria that also is being pounded by the French military.

Russia's FSB security service confirmed for the first time that a homemade bomb caused the Oct. 31 crash of the Metrojet Airbus 321-200 in Egypt's Sinai Desert and killed all 224 people aboard in what it called "a terrorist act." The Islamic state had already claimed responsibility, saying it was punishing Moscow for its air campaign in Syria. With Russia striking IS targets in reprisal for the Metrojet downing, France hitting militants in response to the attacks on civilians in Paris last week and the ongoing U.S.-led coalition bombings, the extremists were facing a stepped-up assault from at least three military powers. But the Kremlin said it was too soon to call it a de facto alliance. Putin heard the report on the Metrojet bombing at a late-night meeting of his security advisers in the Kremlin that was shown on national television. He and his advisers stood for moment of silence for those who died on the plane, mostly Russian vacationers flying from the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh to St. Petersburg.

An unusually subdued Putin called it "one of the bloodiest crimes," and promised retribution for "the murder of our people in Sinai." "We will not wipe away the tears from our souls and our hearts. This will stay with us forever," he said. The FSB offered a \$50 million reward for information leading to the arrest of those responsible, and Putin said Russia would be relentless in its pursuit. "We're going to look for them everywhere wherever they are hiding. We will find them in any place on Earth and punish them," he said. FSB head Alexander Bortnikov said a bomb containing the equivalent of 1 kilogram (2.2 pounds) of TNT went off aboard the Airbus, causing it to break apart in the air, which explains why the fuselage was scattered over such a large territory. I can certainly say that this was "a terrorist act," Bortnikov said. He said tests showed the explosives had been produced outside of Russia, but gave no other details. Egyptian Prime Minister Sherif Ismail said his government was informed only on Tuesday of the results of the Russian investigation, and he shied away from endorsing its conclusion that a bomb was to blame. Speaking in Sharm el-Sheikh following a Cabinet meeting there, Ismail said Egypt would "bear in mind" the Russian conclusion. Aviation Minister Hosam Kamal, meanwhile, sought to cast doubt on the Russian declaration, saying the technical investigation into the crash by experts from Egypt, Russia, France and Ireland had not concluded. □



Northern Ireland First Minister Peter Robinson, right, and Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness speak to the media at Stormont, Belfast, Northern Ireland, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015. Britain published a long-sought agreement with Northern Ireland's parties Tuesday that all sides agreed would sustain the Catholic-Protestant government in the British territory.

(AP Photo/Peter Morrison)

Northern Ireland: Parties reach deal to sustain power-sharing

S. POGATCHNIK
Associated Press

DUBLIN (AP) — Britain published a long-sought agreement with Northern Ireland's parties Tuesday that all sides agreed would sustain their Catholic-Protestant government, the central achievement from decades of peacemaking in the British territory. Tuesday's 67-page document titled "A Fresh Start" took more than a year of negotiations to achieve. The British Protestant and Irish Catholic leaders of the coalition, Peter Robinson and Martin McGuinness, stood side by side as they praised the agreement as a landmark compromise that would deliver tangible economic benefits subsidized by Britain. "We have pledged ourselves today to stand together," said McGuinness,

whose Irish nationalist Sinn Fein party represents the Catholic minority.

"Today represents another milestone along the way as we normalize and build our society," said Robinson, whose Democratic Unionist Party represents the Protestant majority. McGuinness said the agreement failed to deliver Sinn Fein's key demand for investigators empowered to unearth the truth about the most bitterly disputed killings from Northern Ireland's four-decade conflict. He blamed Britain for refusing to lift the veil of state secrecy on files documenting the role of British soldiers and spies in killings. But McGuinness said the deal secured enough common ground to keep the coalition running. This includes commitments from Britain to provide

more than 500 million pounds (\$760 million) in funds to soften the blow of welfare cuts long opposed by Sinn Fein.

And significantly, McGuinness said Sinn Fein would accept a new oath of office committing all Northern Ireland lawmakers to reject illegal paramilitary groups and seek their disbandment. An expert report published last month concluded that the IRA command structure still exists and seeks to direct Sinn Fein policy.

"There can be no place whatsoever for armed groups in our society. There can be no hiding place for criminality," said McGuinness, a former commander of the outlawed Irish Republican Army, which killed nearly 1,800 people before calling a 1997 cease-fire. □

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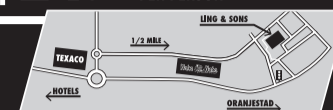
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North Korean diplomat: UN chief should improve relations

EDITH M. LEDERER
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — A senior North Korean diplomat said Tuesday he knows nothing about reported plans for a visit to Pyongyang by U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, but that if the U.N. chief does come he should help improve relations between the two Koreas and between the North and the United Nations.
Ri Hung Sik was responding to questions at a news conference Tuesday about a South Korean news report that the U.N. chief would visit the North Korean capital this week for a possible meeting with leader Kim Jong Un. He repeated twice, "I know nothing."



U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon speaks during the U.N. Academic Impact Seoul Forum in Seoul, South Korea. A senior North Korean diplomat said Tuesday he knows nothing about reported plans for a visit to Pyongyang by U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, but that if the U.N. chief does come he should help improve relations between the two Koreas and between the North and the United Nations.
(AP Photo/Ahn Young-joon)

But Ri, an ambassador-at-large in the Foreign Ministry, said "it is very natural, it is ordinary for the U.N. secretary-general to visit its member states."

U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said Tuesday the secretary-general will not be visiting North Korea this week. He said Ban has a full week of meetings at U.N. headquarters and will be heading to the summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in Malaysia at the start of the weekend. But Dujarric said "the secretary-general has always made it clear that he is ready to help play a role to enhance dialogue and stability on the Korean peninsula." Six months ago, Pyongyang at the last minute canceled an invitation for Ban to visit an inter-Korean factory park in the North Korean city of Kaesong. Ban has said North Korea gave no reason for the cancellation. He had not planned to visit Pyongyang at that time. The reclusive northeast Asian nation has been ruled by a single family since the creation of the Communist-aligned Democratic People's Republic of Korea or DPRK — as the North is officially known — when Korea was partitioned in 1945 at the end of World War II.

North Korea:

South Korean who crossed border illegally freed

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea on Tuesday sent back a South Korean man it held for about six weeks for entering the country illegally, South Korean officials said.
The 48-year-old, who was sent by the North through the border village of Panmunjom, is currently being investigated by South Korean officials over why he entered the North without

government permission, said an official from Seoul's Unification Ministry, who didn't want to be named, citing office rules.
The man, identified only by his surname Lee, was detained by North Korean officials on Sept. 30 after entering the North from China. The ministry official said the North did not elaborate on the circumstances of Lee's entry and

said it was releasing him as a humanitarian gesture.
South Koreans who cross into the impoverished, totalitarian North Korea for the purpose of defecting are rare. The North often repatriates such individuals, although it holds longer detainees it accuses of more serious crimes such as spying to try to win political concessions.
North Korea last month

freed Won Moon Joo, a South Korean national who is a student for New York University, six months after he had been arrested for crossing the border from China into North Korea. The release of Joo, whose alleged crime was relatively minor, was seen by analysts as a sign that Pyongyang was trying to improve its ties with Seoul.

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Ex-billionaire testifies to Brazil parliamentary panel



Former billionaire Eike Batista attends his hearing in connection with charges of insider trading and market manipulation, at a federal criminal court in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Brazil's markets regulator banned Batista from managing a publicly traded company for five years.

(AP Photo/Felipe Dana, File)

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Brazil's one-time richest man said Tuesday that errors including an excess of optimism contributed to the downfall of his much-hyped oil, mining, logistics and ship-making empire. Eike Batista, the flamboyant former billionaire whose

meteoric rise and equally spectacular fall has come to symbolize the fate of his nation, was testifying before a parliamentary panel probing the estimated \$2.5 billion in loans that Brazil's national development bank made to his portfolio of companies.

He insisted that loans from the BNDES development bank represented only a fraction of the total financing pumped into his companies, much of it foreign investment. He added that his debt to the bank was "100 percent insured" and that he doesn't owe it any

money. However, Batista, who topped out on the Forbes billionaire list at No. 7 and bragged he was about to oust Mexico's Carlos Slim from his then-top spot, has acknowledged \$1 billion in debts to other creditors. In Tuesday's testimony he said he would resolve that debt within the next 10 days, but didn't provide details. He blamed his downfall on an overly rosy idea of how much the oilfields that served as the jewel in his industrial crown would actually produce. "I was optimistic to believe my oilfields would have that oil and that it would be necessary to build my own rigs and platforms," Batista said, adding "that was my error." The unravelling of Batista's empire over the last nearly three years is widely seen here as a symbol of the fate of Brazil's economy at large. After years of being widely regarded as among the world's most bullish, the Brazilian economy is now in recession, with inflation and unemployment on the rise. □

LATIN BRIEFS

Venezuela head: Paris attacks are from war in Iraq

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— A Venezuelan citizen was killed in the attacks in Paris, said President Nicolas Maduro, who described them as fallout for the U.S. invasion of Iraq. Maduro condemned the Islamic State attacks while speaking on television late Monday and said they were a result of U.S. intervention in places like Iraq and Libya. He also said that a still-unnamed Venezuelan was killed in the Friday attacks and another was injured. Maduro reiterated his support for Syrian President Bashar Assad. He said if Assad falls the world will see a level of terrorism that makes the Paris attacks look like a babe in arms. Maduro frequently accuses the U.S. of carrying out destabilizing foreign policies, with the Iraq war as his prime example. □

Two Japanese women killed in Brazil gun fight

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)

— Brazilian police say two Japanese women were killed after driving into a gunbattle between police and armed men attempting a prison break in the remote Amazonian state of Para. The state police department says Etsuko Saito Noguchi and Emiko Shigetomo died in the crossfire. A man traveling with them named Hironobu Noguchi was injured. It was unclear if the victims were visiting or lived in Brazil. It also wasn't immediately clear whose shots killed the women. □

Brazil:

Mining group says other dams at risk near breach

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)

Two more dams at the iron ore mine that suffered a dam breach earlier this month are at risk of bursting and are undergoing emergency repairs, mining company officials said Tuesday. Klebber Terra, the director of operations at the Samarco mine in the southeastern state of Minas Gerais, said blocks of rocks were being used to reinforce the two dams, reported G1, the Internet portal of the Globo television network. Terra told a

news conference that the work will take up to three months, G1 said.

"We are very sympathetic and distraught about what happened. We work with the best dam monitoring technicians but we cannot say that this tragedy could have been avoided," Terra said in comments carried by O Estado de S.Paulo newspaper. Company officials also said that only one, not two dams as earlier reported, burst on Nov. 5. That breach unleashed a massive wave of mud,

debris and water that practically wiped out the nearby hamlet of Bento Rodrigues, contaminated a river that's the source of water for residents of two states, and devastated aquatic life. Officials have called the contamination the worst-ever environmental disaster in Brazil.

The state fire department has said that at least seven people died in the disaster. There are another four bodies awaiting identification and 12 more people missing.

A separate report on

Tuesday in the Estado de S.Paulo cited a lawmaker who said the accident caused an estimated \$2.6 billion to \$3.7 billion in damages. Rep. Leonardo Quintao said he based the estimate on assessments by parliamentary technical experts, the report said.

Samarco, which is jointly owned by mining giants Vale of Brazil and BHP Billiton of Australia, has signed a deal with state and federal public prosecutors to pay \$262 million in damages. □



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EAGLE BEACH - The Trop Club & Casino and the Double Down Sports Bar, Aruba's favorite adult playgrounds, presented themselves in a new and exciting jacket just recently, when both underwent extensive renovations.

The cozy casino, adjacent to the Tropicana Resort, which now opens every day at 10am, has been totally redone at the cost of just over one million dollars and painted a most attractive Ultra Marine Blue on the outside. The interior also received a modern, industrial look, with many contemporary features.

Wilfred Trimon, Casino Director at the Tropicana Aruba Resort & Casino reports that the slots floor enjoyed a 20% increase and with it the casino staffing had increased by as much as 50%.

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At the beginning of November the casino offered a free VIP gift, and during the month, players were invited to come in every Thursday, Friday and Saturday to redeem their free slot play offers.

Wednesday is a strong favorite among regulars with the FREE \$700 slot tournament, starting at 7pm. The tournament is open to all Trop Advantage members. Best of all, the Double Down Sports Bar & Grill, which also underwent a complete facelift. The restaurant with a spacious bar delivers a variety of boldly flavored, made-to-order menu items, and on Saturday becomes the NFL headquarters showing football, all day with 50% off food, for all Trop Advantage members. The Double Down Sports Bar & Grill really caters to sports enthusiast, as they watch the big game on numerous TV screens, or watch their

favorite sporting events on their own TV, as each of the restaurant booth table is outfitted with one.

The casino restaurant, a casual eatery with an inviting neighborhood atmosphere, features besides the multi-media system, a full bar in an open layout, which appeals to sports fans and families alike.

The restaurant concept of the Double Down Sports Bar & Grill offers flexible dining options as patrons may eat at the bar and enjoy quick casual counter service. They may sit down in the friendly dining room and enjoy casual dining table service. Resort guests may call in for room service

and locals and visitors may get meals to go, as take-out, for beach picnics or beach tennis practice on the adjacent Beach Tennis courts.

Patrons rave about the inviting atmosphere, and are especially enthusiastic about the customized dining experience, coming back again and again for the juicy hand-formed burgers, salads and international entrees. The restaurant's Build Your Own Burger is a crowd pleaser, driving guest visits and loyalty.

Open for breakfast lunch and dinner, all day dining and snacking, late-night cravings, and workday lunches, the Double Down Sports Bar & Grill is especially popular in the morning when chef's choices such as Steak & Eggs, Eggs Benedict, Smoked Salmon, and breakfast sandwiches can be ordered in addition to waffles, pancakes, and other classic breakfast favorites.

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EAGLE BEACH - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority honored Mr. Richard and Mrs. Stephanie Guyor of Harbor Springs, Michigan as Goodwill Ambassadors of Aruba as a token of appreciation for visiting the island for more than 20 consecutive years. Ms. Darline De Cuba repre-

sending the Aruba Tourism Authority, Visitors care Liaison, bestowed the certificate of Goodwill Ambassadors to the honorees on behalf of the Government of Aruba. Ms. De Cuba thanked them for choosing Aruba as their vacation destination and as their home away from home



for so many years. Richard and Stephanie stated that the main reasons for returning to Aruba were the

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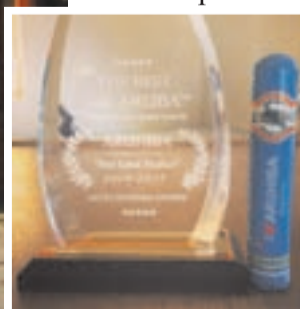


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Mark Normand who tours with Amy Schumer, Brian Scolaro who starred in the sitcoms 'Stacked' and 'Sullivan and Sons,' Keith Robinson who tours with Kevin Hart, Zainab Johnson from 'Last Comic Standing' and 'Arsenio,' Mike Vecchione from 'Conan' and 'Tonight Show,' and Brian Scott McFadden from 'The Secret Life of Walter Mitty' and 'David Letterman Show.' Ray Ellin hosts and produces the shows. Considered by his peers to be the best host in NYC, Ray is known as "Aruba Ray" because of his passion for Aruba. Ray has been coming to Aruba every month for over three years, and produces and hosts these incredible



comedy shows on the island. He is a popular comedian in New York, and has brought his talent and colleagues to Aruba. Ray has appeared on many television programs; he is the host of the new Gong Show Live, a resurrection of the classic 70's television show. He also hosted the popular talk show Late Net, and hosted the television shows The Movie Loft, Brain Fuel, and New York Now.

He also produced and directed the very successful film The Latin Legends of Comedy, distributed by 20th Century Fox. Ray co-created and is co-starring in the new television show Cellar.

The shows are at 830pm, every night, from now until November 28th, in the Amsterdam Ballroom at the Marriott Resort, down the hall from the casino. Doors open at 8pm.

It is suggested to arrive early - seating is first come first serve. The showroom is intimate - it is suggested you purchase tickets in advance at www.ArubaComedy.com. You can also purchase tickets (subject to availability!) at the Amsterdam Ballroom showroom door at 730pm. The tickets are \$36. And



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Serbia's Novak Djokovic plays a return to Switzerland's Roger Federer during their ATP World Tour Finals tennis match at the O2 Arena in London, England, Tuesday Nov. 17, 2015.

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Roger Federer ends Djokovic's winning streak at ATP Finals

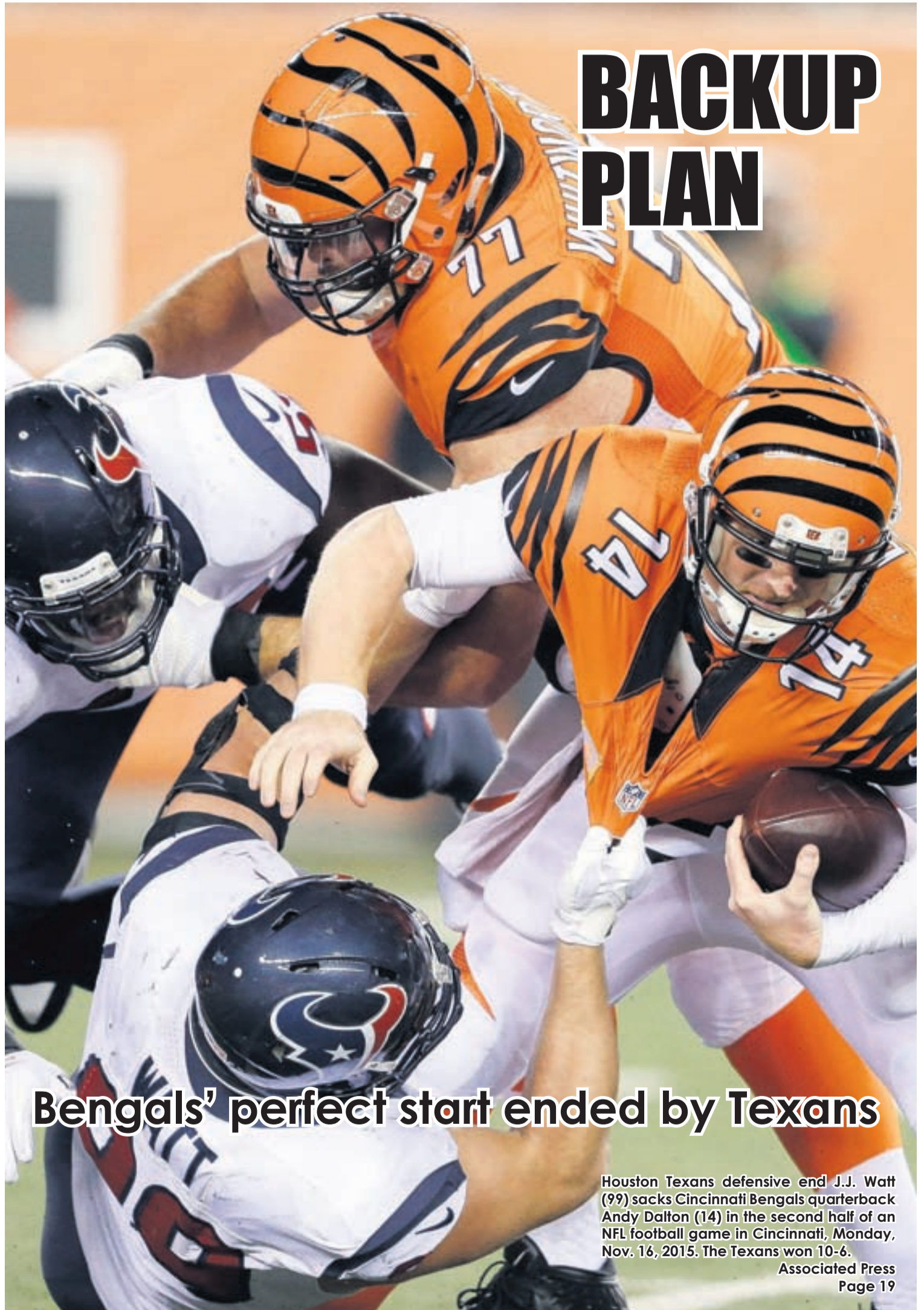
CHRIS LEHOURITES
AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — Even the best player in the world can have an off day, especially when he's playing someone many believe is the best of all time.

Roger Federer brought his top game to the O2 Arena on Tuesday, stopping Novak Djokovic's ATP Finals winning streak at 15 by beating the top-seeded Serb 7-5, 6-2.

"I wouldn't have picked it maybe before the tournament, just because of his really good record on the indoors, the year he's had," said Federer, who lost to Djokovic in the Wimbledon and U.S. Open finals. "But then again, all day I felt good about my chances." The win put Federer in the semifinals of the season-ending tournament for the 13th time in 14 appearances. Djokovic, who has already clinched the year-end No. 1 ranking, had not lost at the ATP Finals since 2011, winning the last three elite titles for the top eight players in the world.

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BACKUP PLAN

Bengals' perfect start ended by Texans

Houston Texans defensive end J.J. Watt (99) sacks Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton (14) in the second half of an NFL football game in Cincinnati, Monday, Nov. 16, 2015. The Texans won 10-6.

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Roger federer

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But Federer was strong Tuesday, as he usually is on an indoor hard court.

The six-time champion broke Djokovic in the final game of the first set, and again early in the second. Although Djokovic broke right back, Federer regained the lead a short time later and won the final four games.

"Yeah, you have those days as well, when you are not feeling your best, not even close to the best," Djokovic said. "Credit to Roger for mixing up the pace, giving me always a different ball. He used the slice and spin very wisely. He served very efficiently. "I made a lot of unforced errors. Just handed him the win."

On Sunday, Federer beat Tomas Berdych, giving him a 2-0 record this week. He will still play Kei Nishikori on Thursday in the final round-robin match.

Djokovic beat Nishikori in his first match, and will face Berdych on Thursday for a spot in the semifinals.

Djokovic has been the best player in tennis all year, winning three Grand Slam titles and losing the other in the final at the French Open. In beating Federer at Wimbledon and the U.S.



Switzerland's Roger Federer celebrates winning the match against Serbia's Novak Djokovic during their ATP World Tour Finals tennis match at the O2 Arena in London, England, Tuesday Nov. 17, 2015.

Open, he won his ninth and 10th major titles.

He found it tough to get going against the 17-time Grand Slam champion on Tuesday, though.

"These days happen. These kind of things happen," Djokovic said. "I have to accept it and hopefully

work on it tomorrow and get better next time."

In the early match, Nishikori's 7-5, 3-6, 6-3 victory over Berdych came down to one point.

With the score even at 3-3 in the third set, the sixth-seeded Berdych had his third break point of the

match — after converting the previous two — but he put a backhand into the net after a long rally.

"That was a really big point. He had three, four shots that he went really aggressive," said Nishikori, who reached the semis last year in his tournament debut. "I

mean, last shot, I kind of went for it, closed my eyes. Was a little bit lucky I made that shot."

Berdych attributed the loss of the match to the loss of that point.

"The rally starts pretty well for me, but I was not able to break him. Then I lost my serve," said Berdych, who has been defeated twice this week. "Basically, that was the difference today." After holding serve in that game, Nishikori broke the Czech to take a 5-3 lead, and served out.

In the first set, Nishikori took the lead with a late break at love, and held serve. He broke again to start the second set and led 2-0, but Berdych won five straight games and eventually the set.

Nishikori is 1-1 after losing to Djokovic on Sunday, and he still has to face Federer. "It's going to be a really important match for both of us," Nishikori said. "I have to win the next match to qualify (from) the group. So I (will) try to recover well today and tomorrow, and I will get good tactics ready." □

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Love is everywhere at Sea Island

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Ga. (AP)

-- The first golf lesson Davis Love Jr. gave to his son was to swing hard and keep his feet on the ground. Davis Love III passed that down to his own son, using different equipment.

"We had this little ball that he had to pull out of that big basket that was always at the grocery store," Love III said Tuesday. "I would roll it to him and he would hit while it was rolling. Once he did it four or five times, we both got in trouble with (wife) Robin. But once I saw him do it, I said, 'There is no better way to get hand-eye coordination and free up your swing.' He did some little things at a young age that really got him swinging free.

"I just took what my dad told me," he said. "Let's just swing for the fence and then we'll kind of reign you in later on."

The RSM Classic at Sea Island will be the 720th time Love has played on the PGA Tour, and it's safe to say there hasn't been another event like this one.

Davis Love IV - everyone calls him Dru - will be playing with him.

The 21-year-old earned the final exemption on Sunday by winning a qualifier among four players with local ties. Love birdied the opening four holes and never looked back.

The PGA Tour each week massages a few groups to create interest, and the final event of the season presented an obvious option. Teeing off together



In this Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015 file photo, Davis Love III tees off on the third hole during the final round of the Wyndham Championship golf tournament at Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, N.C.

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Thursday on the Seaside Course will be Davis Love III, Davis Love IV and Justin Thomas.

Thomas doesn't have a Roman numeral attached to his name, though there's a strong connection. He helped recruit Dru Love to

Alabama, and remains so close to the family that he stays with Love during the tournament. He was supposed to stay in Dru Love's room until the son got an exemption, so Thomas got bumped to the sister's room. □

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NHL Roundup

Canadiens come from 3 goals down to beat Canucks in OT

MONTREAL (AP) — Montreal's David Desharnais scored 3:25 into overtime to cap the Canadiens comeback from three goals down to beat Vancouver 4-3 on Monday.

The win moved the Canadiens nine points clear atop the NHL Atlantic Division and level on points with the New York Rangers, with the two teams already establishing themselves as the Eastern Conference heavyweights.

Among other results, David Backes led St. Louis to victory over Winnipeg, and the New York Islanders had a comfortable home victory against Arizona.

Vancouver looked in control after Adam Cracknell and Jared McCann scored in the first period and Daniel Sedin had a power-play goal early in the second.

Lars Eller and Max Pacioretty scored for Montreal, and Tomas Fleischmann — playing his 600th NHL game — tied the scores with 3:08 left in regulation.

In overtime, Desharnais completed a tic-tac-toe play with P.K. Subban and

Fleischmann on a rush with a one-timer from the right side.

St. Louis' Backes had two goals and an assist to help the Blues beat Winnipeg 3-2.

Blues coach Ken Hitchcock moved Backes up to the first line with wingers Tarasenko and Alexander Steen and the trio responded.

Vladimir Tarasenko added a goal and an assist for the Blues.

Dustin Byfuglien and Bryan Little scored for the Jets, who have lost five straight. New York's John Tavares had two goals and an assist to lead the Islanders past Arizona 5-2.

Frans Nielsen, Brock Nelson and Steve Bernier also scored for the Islanders.

Martin Hanzal and Mikkel Boedker scored in the third period for Arizona. Hanzal's was just his third goal of the season but boosted his team-leading point total to 17.

Detroit's Tomas Tatar scored on a breakaway 2:04 into overtime to lift the Red Wings over Ottawa

4-3.

Florida's Aaron Ekblad scored with 20 seconds left to give the Panthers a 1-0 win over state rival Tampa Bay.

Anaheim's Carl Hagelin broke out of a slump with a goal and two assists, lifting the Ducks over Carolina 4-1. □



St. Louis Blues' David Backes celebrates after scoring past Winnipeg Jets goalie Michael Hutchinson, left, during the second period of an NHL hockey game Monday, Nov. 16, 2015, in St. Louis.

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NBA Capsules

Mavericks escape scare against hapless 76ers and win

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki scored 21 points, including seven during a pivotal stretch late in the fourth quarter, to lead the Dallas Mavericks to a 92-86 victory over the winless Philadelphia 76ers on Monday night.

Jahlil Okafor had 19 points and 11 rebounds for the 76ers, who have lost all 11 games this season and 21 in a row dating back to last season. Philadelphia's last win was March 25 at Denver, and the 76ers are within five defeats of matching the franchise's all-time record for consecutive losses. Chandler Parsons added 20 points for the Mavericks, who needed a late push to hold off Philadelphia.

The 76ers trailed by as many as 19 points in the first half but battled back to take an 82-81 lead with 4 minutes, 23 seconds remaining on a free throw by Nerlens Noel before Nowitzki took over.

GRIZZLIES 122, THUNDER 114
MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Newcomer Mario Chalmers scored 16 of his season-high 29 points in the fourth quarter and the Grizzlies held on for a victory over the Thunder.

Chalmers, picked up in a trade with the Miami Heat last week, converted 6 of 13 shots, including 4 of 7 from outside the arc, as five Grizzlies reached double figures. Mike Conley had 22, Jeff Green scored 20, while Marc Gasol added 17. Zach Randolph finished

with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Russell Westbrook led the Thunder with 40 points, 12 in the fourth quarter trying to bring Oklahoma City back from an 11-point deficit in the frame. Serge Ibaka had 18 and Enes Kanter scored 16. Steven Adams and Dion Waiters finished with 14 apiece.

Oklahoma City shot 51 percent, including 10 of 24 from outside the arc. But Memphis converted 12 of 17 3-pointers.

SPURS 93, TRAIL BLAZERS 80
SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Kawhi Leonard had 19 points and Manu Ginobili added 17 points and the Spurs overcame a listless start to beat the Trail Blazers for their fifth straight victory. Danny Green and Boris Diaw each had 12 points and Tony Parker and Tim Duncan both added 10. Damian Lillard scored 27 points and Al-Farouq Aminu added 17 points for Portland.

Leonard and Ginobili both missed the previous game with minor ailments and their returns were needed. San Antonio and Portland both set season lows for points in the first half with the Trail Blazers' 28 points falling just four points of matching a franchise low.

BULLS 96, PACERS 95
CHICAGO (AP) — Jimmy Butler scored 17 points for Chicago and played tough defense on Paul George on Indiana's final possession, helping the Bulls hold on for



Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki (41) goes up for a shot against Philadelphia 76ers' JaKarr Sampson (9) during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Nov. 16, 2015, in Philadelphia.
Associated Press

a victory over the Pacers. Butler stayed right with George in the final seconds and contested his difficult fadeaway shot that was well short as time expired, giving the Bulls their third straight win and fourth in five games.

Derrick Rose had 23 points on 9-for-18 shooting for Chicago, but departed with about six minutes remaining after he sprained his left ankle. Doug McDermott scored 11 points.

George had 26 points for Indiana, and Monta Ellis finished with 20 points. C.J. Miles made five 3-pointers on his way to 19 points, and Jordan Hill and Ian Mahinmi each grabbed 12 rebounds.

CELTICS 111, ROCKETS 95
HOUSTON (AP) — Isaiah Thomas scored 23 points and the Celtics used a 32-point third quarter to pull away and cruise to a win over the slumping Rockets. It is the third straight win

for the Celtics and gives Houston a four-game losing streak for the first time since the team dropped seven straight in January 2013.

Boston led by 4 after a 3-pointer by James Harden with 3 1/3 minutes left in the third quarter. The Celtics closed out the quarter by scoring 15 straight points to take a 87-68 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Celtics rode the momentum from their strong third quarter into the early part of the fourth quarter and used a 13-4 run to open the period and extend the lead to 100-72. Avery Bradley scored seven points with a dunk and a 3-pointer to lead the team in that stretch.

Coach Kevin McHale pulled most of Houston's starters after that.

SUNS 120, LAKERS 101
PHOENIX (AP) — Brandon Knight had 30 points, 15 assists and 10 rebounds for his first career triple-double and the Suns ran past the Lakers.

Eric Bledsoe added 21 points and T.J. Warren had 19 for the Suns, who gradually pulled away after taking a five-point lead into the fourth quarter.

Jordan Clarkson scored 20 points to lead the weary Lakers, who were playing on consecutive days for the second time in a week. The Lakers were without All-Star guard Kobe Bryant, who was kept back in Los Angeles to rest rather than having to play on back-to-back nights. □



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NFL Roundup

Texans send Bengals to 1st loss, 10-6 behind backup TJ Yates

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AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI (AP) -- The Texans were the perfect team to give the Bengals their first loss - on their home field in a big Monday night game, no less. They have a way of doing this to them - especially if T.J. Yates is running the offense.

Yates took over in the third quarter after Brian Hoyer sustained a concussion and led Houston to a 10-6 victory on Monday night, throwing the touchdown pass that knocked the Bengals out of the ranks of the NFL's unbeaten.

The Bengals (8-1) were trying to make NFL history and join New England and Carolina at 9-0 - there's never been such a trio. A backup quarterback with a history of beating them got in the way.

Yates beat them twice as a rookie during the 2011 season, including a first-round playoff win that was the Texans' first-ever in the post-season. That experience helped get him through his impromptu performance on Monday night.

"It's a little nostalgic," said Yates, who went 5 of 11 for 69 yards. "I have a lot of good memories in Cincinnati."

And now, another one. Cincinnati contained some of the NFL's top quarterbacks while getting off to the best start in club history.

Yates was something else. And so was the Texans' defense, which looked awfully familiar as well.

The Texans (4-5) made Andy Dalton look bad during first-round playoff wins over the Bengals during the 2011 and 2012 seasons. J.J. Watt returned an interception for a touchdown in that breakthrough playoff win in 2011.

The Texans were all over Dalton again on Monday night.

"I feel like it's 2011," said Watt, who had one of the three sacks of Dalton. "I'm pretty excited. This is an incredible team."

And no longer an unbeaten team, thanks in large measure to Yates.

Yates ended his first drive with a 22-yard touchdown pass to DeAndre Hopkins, who made a one-handed catch in the end zone for the game's only TD.

"I can't say enough about T.J. doing what he did," Watt said. "I think every time we come into this stadium, he should be our quarterback."

Dalton had another tough time against a Texans defense, going 21 of 37 for 187 yards with an interception and three sacks. Cincinnati's final chance slipped away when A.J. Green made a catch for what would have been a first down at the Texan 23-yard line, then was stripped



Houston Texans wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins (10) celebrates after scoring a touchdown as Cincinnati Bengals strong safety George Iloka (43) stands to the side in the second half of an NFL football game in Cincinnati, Monday, Nov. 16, 2015.

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of the ball by Quintin Demps with 40 seconds left. "I had both hands on the ball and I took one off to break my fall and he ripped it out," Green said. "I was trying to break my fall."

"We'll be all right. It's tough to lose. Not everything is going to be pretty." Yates' touchdown pass decided a lackluster game by both offenses.

The Bengals led 6-3 after a first half that was filled with

penalties and missed plays. Telling statistics: The quarterbacks led their teams in rushing. Hoyer had 15 yards on one scramble, and Dalton had 30 yards on five carries.

That was especially bad for the Texans, who have been trying unsuccessfully to get one of the league's worst running games going with Arian Foster sidelined by an Achilles tendon injury. The Texans' running

backs managed only 25 yards in the first half.

It got more foreboding when Hoyer walked off the field to get examined for a concussion after the second series of the second half. Yates hadn't thrown a pass in a game since he was signed on Oct. 28 to replace Ryan Mallett.

On his third completion - the touchdown - Yates added to his legacy of beating the Bengals. □

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Got Energy?

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Everyone today seems to be concerned about energy. Our automobiles will not travel far without it. For our primary transportation to work, we know that raw petroleum must be refined to make gasoline or diesel fuel. This produces a form of energy which moves our vehicles. In our bodies, glucose, amino acids, and fats from our food are the raw materials that must be processed by our cells into fuel. Your body's primary manufactured fuel is Adenosine Triphosphate (ATP), which provides the energy for our body's movement and vital functions.

Even with a good diet, your body may need additional nutritional supplementation of vitamin C, magnesium, zinc, lecithin or choline and Ribose to produce ATP or energy. Ribose is a simple sugar that is the backbone of ribo-nucleic acid (RNA) and deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), the materials our body uses to pass on our genetic code from one generation to the next. DNA and RNA are also necessary daily to regenerate and repair our body's cells. A healthy body can manufacture its own ribose from dietary sugars; however this requires a lot of energy and is a slow process. Diabetics, individuals with chronic degenerative diseases and people who lead extremely active or stressful lives are not naturally producing sufficient quantities of ribose to fully aid the body in these vital processes.

ATP moves nutrients into and waste out of the cells and gives our muscles strength or energy to move and also to relax. ATP also detoxifies your body and produces signals that stimulate hormones. Without fuel your car does not move. Similarly, without an abundant supply of ATP your body becomes stiff, and joints become sore as in arthritis.

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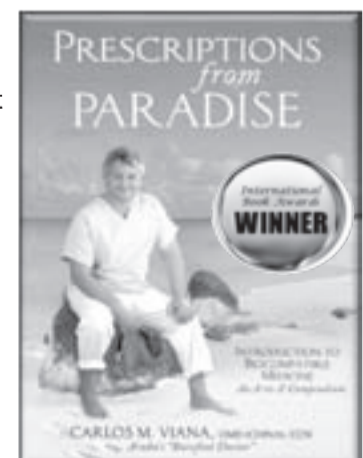
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U.S. startup challenges Japan to giant robot battle

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OAKLAND, California (AP)

— They've been popularized in movies, television and video games, but giant fighting robots still haven't left the realm of science fiction. That will soon change. Megabots Inc., an Oakland, California-based startup, has built a 15-foot (4.5-meter) mechanical gladiator called the Mark II and challenged a Japanese firm to an international battle for robot supremacy. Tokyo-based Suidobashi Heavy Industries, maker of the 13-foot (4-meter) Kuratas, accepted the challenge, setting the stage for the first giant robot battle of its kind next year. The exact date and location are yet to be determined.

Win or lose, it's all part of Megabots' plan by to make gladiator-style robot combat into big-time entertainment — a mix between Ultimate Fighting Championship and Formula One auto racing — while developing new industrial technologies and inspiring a new generation of engineers. The Megabots founders envision a sports league where teams from around the world build huge humanoid robots that throw each other down in stadiums filled with screaming fans.

"Everyone wins as long as there is robot carnage," said Megabots co-founder Matt Oehrlein, an electrical engineer. "People want to



In this photo taken Friday, Oct. 9, 2015, a crowd of people watch the MegaBots 15-foot tall, piloted Mk.II robot in action at the Pioneer Summit in Redwood City, Calif.

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see these things fight. They want to see them punch each other, they want to see them ripped apart and they want to be entertained."

Megabots was launched in 2014 by Oehrlein, Gui Calvacanti and Brinkley Warren, who grew up playing video games like "MechWarrior" and "BattleTech," and wanted to fulfill their dreams of watching massive machines fight.

"We want to bring the giant robots from science fiction and movies and video games to life because now we have the technology," said Calvacanti, a robotics engineer. "It's really about: How do we put on the best show? How do we make the coolest fight?"

Inside a cavernous Oak-

land workshop, the Megabots founders built the Mark II — a 12,000-pound (5,443 kilograms) behemoth with tank treads, two-pilot cockpit and missile launcher that fires canon ball-sized paintballs.

Then Oehrlein called out Suidobashi in a YouTube video: "We have a giant robot. You have a giant robot. You know what needs to happen. We challenge you to a duel."

Suidobashi's founder Kogoro Kurata accepted in his own video: "We can't let another country win this. Giant robots are Japanese culture. Yeah, I'll fight. Absolutely."

Kurata also taunted the Megabots team: "Come on guys, make it cooler. Just building something

huge and sticking guns on it, it's super American."

The Megabots robot isn't quite ready to take on Kuratas, a more polished fighting machine with a big, agile hand that mimics the movements of the pilot's hand.

"Our current robot, the Mark II, looks pretty intimidating," Oehrlein said. "The truth is, it's pretty slow. It's top-heavy. It's rusty, and it needs a set of armor upgrades to be able to compete in hand-to-hand combat,"

That's why Megabots launched an online Kickstarter campaign and raised more than \$550,000 from robot fans to turn the Mark II into a real fighting machine — faster, tougher, more balanced and

equipped with detachable weapons such as a giant chain saw or punching fist. The startup has enlisted the help of engineers from NASA, software maker Autodesk, the TV shows "Mythbusters" and "BattleBots." "We're absolutely confident that Team USA can beat Japan. We've assembled the best of the best of this country. We're not going to let our country down," Calvacanti said. Robot enthusiasts like Gordon Kirkwood are eagerly anticipating the fight.

"I think it's going to be a smash hit," said Kirkwood, a robotics engineer in San Francisco. "This has the potential to be a fantastic spectator sport that people would really pay good money to see." □



An early gain fades, leaving indexes little changed



Mark Muller, foreground left, works with fellow traders on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. U.S. stocks ended little changed on Tuesday after a late-afternoon slump wiped out much of the market's gains from earlier in the day.
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ALEX VEIGA
AP Business Writer

U.S. stocks ended little changed on Tuesday after a late-afternoon slump wiped out much of the market's gains from earlier in the day.

Investors weighed mixed results from Wal-Mart stores, Home Depot and other big U.S. retailers, as well as new data on inflation. Energy stocks were among the biggest decliners as oil prices closed lower.

"You saw oil prices come down, and the market has been following oil prices," said Quincy Krosby, market strategist at Prudential Financial. "The market moved up handsomely yesterday, so we're not losing all of the gains."

The Dow Jones industrial average added 6.49 points, or 0.04 percent, to 17,489.50. Earlier, the average had been up more than 116 points.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 2.75 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,050.44. The

index had briefly moved into positive territory for the year. The Nasdaq composite gained 1.40 points, or 0.03 percent, to 4,986.01.

Major stock indexes wavered for much of the morning as investors sorted through the latest company earnings and a batch of economic reports. Traders pushed stocks higher by midday and for much of the afternoon until the final hour of trading, when the rally evaporated.

Investors, who have been worried that sales could be weak this holiday shopping season, sold retailers that reported disappointing quarterly results.

Urban Outfitters fell 3.8 percent after the retailer's latest quarterly sales fell short. The stock dropped 87 cents to \$21.80. Dick's Sporting Goods slumped 9.4 percent after reporting worse-than-expected results and giving a weak outlook. The stock fell \$3.85 to \$36.96.

Other big retailers fared

better.

Wal-Mart Stores rose 3.5 percent after the company reported improved customer traffic and an increase in a key sales figure for the third quarter, even as a stronger dollar pressured its performance overseas. The world's largest retailer also issued a forecast for the holiday shopping season that largely beat Wall Street expectations. The stock added \$2.05 to \$59.92. Home Depot climbed 4.4 percent after the home-improvement retailer reported better-than-expected third-quarter earnings and revenue, and delivered an upbeat fiscal outlook. The stock rose \$5.34 to \$126.18.

Traders also had their eye on economic reports. The Labor Department reported that the consumer price index rose 0.2 percent in October after falling the prior two months.

The small uptick in inflation could increase the likelihood that the Federal

Reserve will begin raising short-term interest rates from historic lows as early as next month, said David Chalupnik, head of equities at Nuveen Asset Management.

"Historically, hiking interest rates would not be good for the stock market, but at this point it's a psychological boost that the economy is self-sustaining enough that the Fed could get off the zero interest rate policy," Chalupnik said.

The energy sector shed 1.2 percent, extending its losses this year to 15.9 percent. The sector — the S&P 500 index's biggest decliner for the year — has been hurt by the protracted slide in oil prices. That decline resumed on Tuesday. Benchmark U.S. crude oil dropped \$1.07 to close at \$40.67 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, fell 99 cents to close at \$43.57 a barrel in London. Wholesale gasoline was little changed at \$1.238 a gallon, heating oil lost 1.7 cents to \$1.368 a gallon and natural gas fell 1.4 cents to \$2.371 per 1,000 cubic feet.

European indexes moved higher, thanks partly to a report showing that business optimism in Germany rose more than analysts had expected this month amid strong domestic demand and a weaker euro. Germany's DAX rose 2.4 percent, while France's CAC 40 jumped 2.8 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 rose 2 percent.

Precious and industrial metals prices closed lower. Gold fell \$15 to \$1,068.60 an ounce, silver declined five cents to \$14.17 an ounce and copper gave up one cent to close at \$2.10 a pound. □



An employee at the Home Depot wears an apron in Irving, Texas. The Home Depot Inc. reported its profit rose 12.2% in its fiscal third-quarter as sales gained ground.

(AP Photo/LM Otero)

Home Depot beats Street 3Q forecasts with boost in sales

NEW YORK (AP) — The Home Depot Inc. reported its profit rose 12.2 percent in its fiscal third-quarter as sales gained ground, fueled partly by a continued housing market recovery. Its shares rose almost 4 percent in midday trading Tuesday.

The home-improvement retailer reported net income of \$1.73 billion, or \$1.35 per share. The results exceeded Wall Street expectations, with the average estimate of 14 analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research for earnings of \$1.32 per share.

Revenue rose 6.4 percent to \$21.82 billion in the period, also topping Street forecasts. Eleven analysts surveyed by Zacks expected \$21.75 billion.

Same-store sales, which are a key measure of a retailer's health, rose 5.1 percent.

The Atlanta-based company also updated its guidance. It expects 2015 sales to rise about 5.7 percent in 2015, near the high end of its previous guidance of a 5.2 percent to 6 percent boost. Meanwhile, it expects full-year earnings to be \$5.36 per share.

Sales of existing homes jumped 4.7 percent in September, according to The National Association of Realtors, indicating that demand for housing remains steady. Meanwhile, housing starts rose 6.5 percent in September, according to the Commerce Department.

Home Depot shares rose \$4.64, or 3.8 percent, to \$125.48 in midday trading Tuesday. □

Angie's List board rejects \$512M takeover from IAC

NEW YORK (AP) — Angie's List says that its board has rejected a \$512 million takeover deal from Internet company IAC/InterActiveCorp.

Shares of Angie's List fell almost 3 percent in morning trading Tuesday.

The home services review site said last week's deal "dramatically undervalues" the company. IAC offered \$8.75 for each share of Angie's List, which was a 10 percent premium on the stock at the time.

Angie's List said it has a

plan to grow its profit and said a deal with IAC will not benefit shareholders.

IAC did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The New York company owns several websites, including About.com and HomeAdvisor.

com.

Angie's List Inc., based in Indianapolis, lets users research, shop for and rate plumbers, cleaners and other home services.

Its shares fell 27 cents, or 2.7 percent, to \$9.56 in morning trading Tuesday. □

VW sales dip in Europe, but no more than competitors

COLLEEN BARRY
AP Business Writer

MILAN (AP) — European car buyers appear reluctant to punish Volkswagen for its emissions scandal, penalizing the German automaker's sales last month no more than some of its mass-market competitors. The European car market expanded 2.9 percent in October, topping 1.1 million

units as growth slowed in all major markets, according to new figures released Tuesday by the European carmakers' association ACEA.

The expansion marked the 26th straight month of growth, albeit sluggishly with two of the biggest markets, France and Germany, growing by just 1 percent, and Britain contracting by

as much.

IHS Automotive analyst Carlos Da Silva said the slowing growth reflects weaker pent-up demand after six years of crisis. He forecasts 2015 registrations will grow 8 percent this year to nearly 13.6 million units, saying the market should "remain on its positive path."

Volkswagen remained the top seller, commanding

a quarter of the market, in the first full month of figures since it acknowledged cheating on U.S. diesel emissions tests. Volkswagen brand sales slipped 0.2 percent, while all of Volkswagen group sales — including the brands SEAT, Skoda, Porsche, Audi and Lamborghini — dropped 0.5 percent.

Da Silva said it was too

early to say if VW's sales had been hit by the emissions scandal, noting that European buying practices take longer to translate into sales numbers, with cars being ordered and not purchased out of stock.

By comparison, mass-market competitor PSA Peugeot Citroen saw sales fall 0.9 percent, while Renault sank 0.7 percent. □

Wal-Mart tops 3Q profit forecasts, narrows full-year outlook

NEW YORK (AP) — Walmart reported improved customer traffic and an uptick in a key sales figure for the third quarter, even as a stronger dollar pressured its performance overseas. The world's largest retailer also issued a forecast for the holiday shopping season that largely topped Wall Street expectations, and narrowed its full-year outlook after cutting it in August.

Its shares rose more than 2 percent in morning trading Tuesday.

Wal-Mart has been pressured on a number of fronts this year. The company, based in Bentonville, Arkansas, is facing increasing competition from online retailers like Amazon.com and dollar stores, and its profits have been squeezed by pay raises for workers and a strong U.S. dollar that has dampened sales from overseas.

In the U.S., the company is also trying cleanliness and service. Greg Foran, CEO

of the U.S. division, said during a call with reporters Tuesday that customers are telling the company they're seeing improvement in the stores.

During the quarter, the company said sales at stores open at least a year rose 1.5 percent, marking the fifth straight quarterly increase. But the increase was driven by higher traffic, while average spending per visit dipped. This figure is a key gauge of a retailer's health because it excludes results from stores recently opened or closed. For the fourth quarter, which includes the key holiday shopping season, Wal-Mart said it expects sales at established locations to rise 1 percent. Foran declined to say how much that would be driven by increased traffic, versus higher spending. But he expressed confidence in the company's holiday plans.

"We're feeling good about what we're pulling together," Foran said.



A worker pushes shopping carts in front of a Walmart store in La Habra, Calif. Walmart reported improved customer traffic and an uptick in a key sales figure for the third quarter, even as a stronger dollar pressured its performance overseas.
(AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

Sales in Wal-Mart's international segment, meanwhile, fell 11 percent to \$29.81 billion. Excluding the impact of currency fluctuations, sales were \$34.7 billion. For the quarter ended Oct. 31, Wal-Mart Store's net income fell 11 percent

to \$3.3 billion. But its earnings of \$1.03 per share topped Wall Street expectations for 97 cents per share, according to Zacks Investment Research.

Revenue slipped to \$117.42 billion from \$119 billion. On a constant currency basis,

revenue was \$122.4 billion. Wall Street expected \$117.82 billion.

Wal-Mart also narrowed its forecast for full-year earnings to a range of \$4.50 to \$4.65 after cutting that outlook in August to \$4.40 to \$4.70 per share. □

US pension insurer posts record deficit for FY2015

MARCY GORDON
AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The deficit racked up by the federal agency that insures pensions for about 40 million Americans has increased 23 percent to \$76.4 billion. The agency's program for so-called multi-employer pension plans continues to account for a large share of the deficit, \$52.3 billion.

Multi-employer plans are pension agreements between labor unions and a

group of companies, usually in the same industry. They cover about 10 million workers.

The deficit reported Tuesday for the year ended Sept. 30 was the widest in the 41-year history of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. It has now run shortfalls for 13 straight years.

But the rate of increase slowed from last year when the deficit nearly doubled to \$62 billion from \$36 billion in the previous fiscal year.

The gap widened in recent years because the weak economy triggered more corporate bankruptcies and failed pension plans. If the trend continues, some experts say the agency could need an infusion of taxpayer funds to pay retirees, who are guaranteed their pensions by law.

The PBGC also said it paid \$5.7 billion to about 800,000 people in failed pension plans, close to the amount paid out in fiscal 2014.

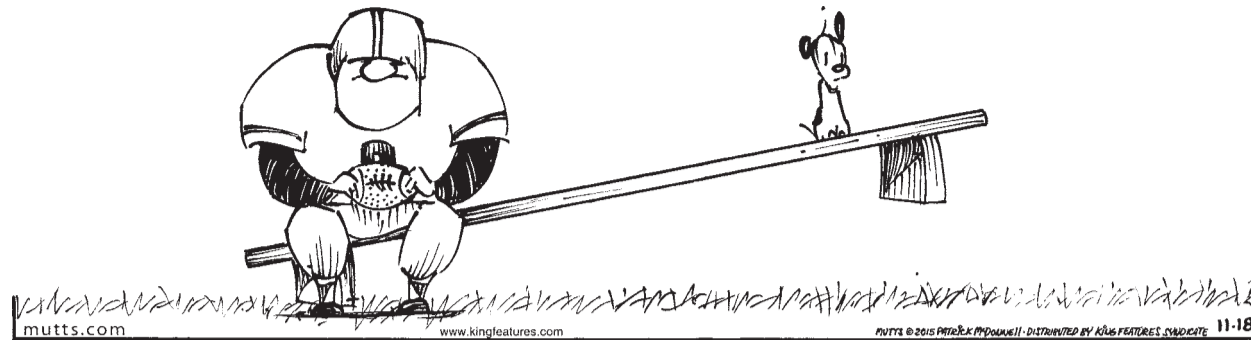
The agency said the increased deficit for the latest fiscal year was due largely to worsening finances of some multi-employer pension plans. However, the agency said, the risk of its multi-employer program running out of money declined because of increased insurance premiums paid by multi-employer plans. Congress stepped in and mandated the higher premiums in legislation enacted in December.

That law also allows cuts for current retirees in multi-employer pension plans.

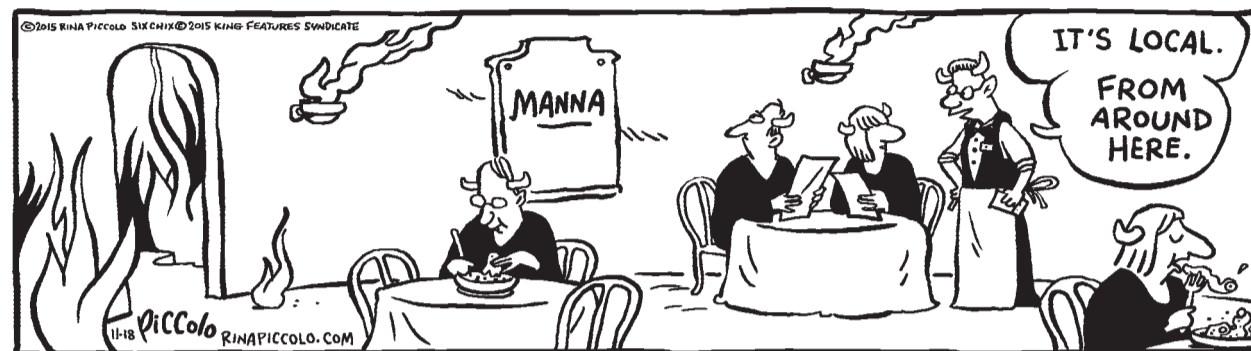
The PBGC estimates that the risk of insolvency for the multi-employer program is more than 50 percent in 2025 and 90 percent by 2032.

In the latest year, 17 multi-employer pension plans were terminated or were deemed to be likely to become insolvent within the next 10 years, the agency said. It didn't identify the plans. □

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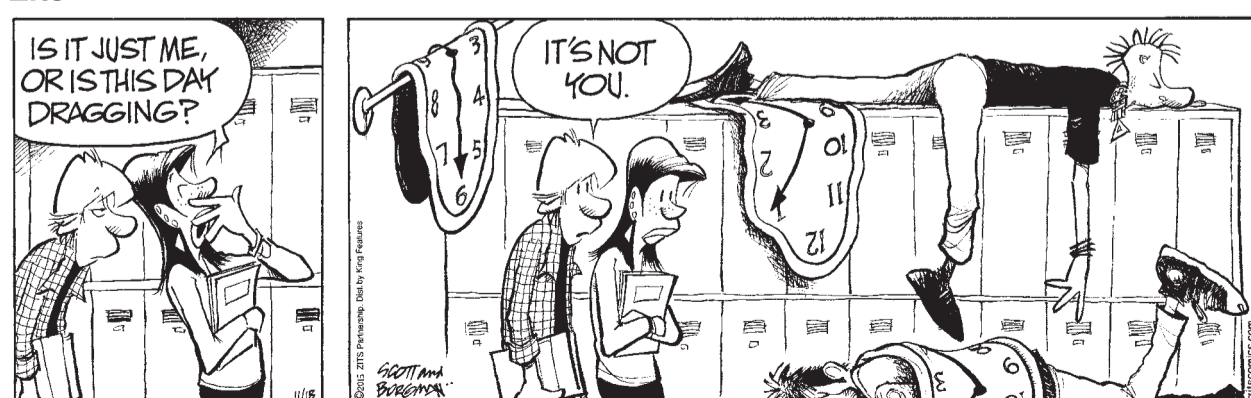
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Difficulty Level ★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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ACROSS

- 1 Lacking sufficient funds
- 6 Close noisily
- 10 TV remote button
- 14 Crowbar
- 15 Walk the floor
- 16 As strong as an ox
- 17 Sports building
- 18 Filled with a wonder
- 19 Lab experiment
- 20 Pieces
- 22 Sharp as a tack
- 24 Word of lament
- 25 Baby's nightie
- 26 Yell
- 29 Also-ran
- 30 Battery size
- 31 Nonconformist
- 33 "Ode to a Nightingale" poet
- 37 Fashionable
- 39 Actor Matt
- 41 Serving two purposes
- 42 Praise
- 44 "are red, violets are..."
- 46 boots; Jean-Claude Kilby's footwear
- 47 Tablecloths, sheets, etc.
- 49 Played miniature golf
- 51 Child's vehicle
- 54 Plato or Delany
- 55 Seasickness
- 56 Formal dance locale
- 60 Curry & others
- 61 Regretted
- 63 Do penance
- 64 Imogene
- 65 out a living; got by
- 66 Labyrinths
- 67 over; faint
- 68 Refuse to obey
- 69 Squeeze

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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| ARMS | SCALD | ENDS |
| BOOT | THREE | NOAH |
| CARE | RAKES | VOTE |
| SMELLED | WIDENED | |
| LAW | BASIL | |
| UNCAP | ROY | VOCAL |
| LAIR | PAL | WAPITI |
| COT | ARTISAN | GAL |
| EMERGE | VIN | HALT |
| RISER | MAN | GIRLS |
| DEFER | PUB | |
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| IOTA | EAGER | CORD |
| SWAP | SCENT | HOOD |
| CABS | HEEDS | INNS |

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DOWN

- 1 in the face; insult
- 2 Long sandwich
- 3 Finished; done
- 4 Apartment, often
- 5 Movie preview
- 6 Bridges
- 7 Regulations
- 8 Top card
- 9 Military awards
- 10 Was important
- 11 Spend all of
- 12 Sample bite
- 13 Join, as a club
- 21 Rowed
- 23 Try to find
- 25 Songs for one
- 26 Can't it; is unsuccessful
- 27 Setting for TV's "Magnum, P.I."
- 28 back; relaxed
- 29 Citrus fruit
- 32 Wearing less
- 34 Smallest continent: abbr.
- 35 back; recant
- 36 Went down a fire pole

- 38 Huge
- 40 Kathmandu, location
- 43 Artificial tanner
- 48 Got closer to
- 50 Teeth cleaner's target
- 51 Have a bite between meals
- 52 Narrow boat
- 53 Small amount
- 54 Family member
- 56 Red meat
- 57 Seep out
- 58 Individuals
- 59 Disarray
- 62 Instrument for Don Ho

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Coal not going away anytime soon despite renewables push



In this Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015 photo, a worker guides a conveyor as it loads coal into a trailer truck at a coal mine near Ordos in northern China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.

Associated Press

LOUISE WATT
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Coal: Can't live with it and can't live without it — at least not yet.

It is the biggest source of heat-trapping greenhouse gases that negotiators around the world hope to limit in an agreement to be thrashed out in Paris next

month.

Demand for coal is leveling off, but it will remain a key energy source for decades, no matter how many billions of dollars of investment go into cleaner energy like wind and solar. Too much of the world depends on it now for heating and power generation for us to suddenly live without it.

There are vast parts of the developing world that will continue to see growth in demand for electricity, driven by sales of televisions, refrigerators and the construction of highways and malls as incomes increase, said Xizhou Zhou, the China chief for energy consultants IHS Energy.

"The cheapest way to provide electricity in many of these places is still coal-based," Zhou said.

This underlines the challenge facing negotiators who will convene in Paris Nov. 30 to agree on how to limit emissions of fossil fuels. Scientists say coal, oil and gas emissions, including carbon dioxide and methane, are key drivers of rising temperatures that could lead to intense droughts or flooding of island nations. Abundant and cheap, coal emits not only soot but double the greenhouse gas emissions per unit of energy of natural gas.

In recent years, slowing economic growth, gains in energy efficiency and advances in renewable-energy production have dampened demand for coal in key markets. Stricter air emissions regulations in Europe, the production of shale gas in the U.S. and the restructuring of the Chinese economy away from heavily polluting industries are all weighing down on demand.

An analysis released Mon-

day by the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis suggests coal consumption peaked globally in 2013 and is set to decline a further 2 to 4 percent in 2015 because of declining consumption by China and other big coal consumers.

The institute said China's coal consumption had fallen 5.7 percent from January to September. In the U.S., domestic consumption was down 11 percent and coal's share of the electricity market has fallen to 35 percent, from 50 percent a decade ago. Record-low U.S. gas prices, record expansion of renewable energy and a decoupling of electricity demand from economic growth are "permanently eroding" coal demand in the U.S., the Cleveland, Ohio-based IEEFA said.

Still, coal provides more than 40 percent of the world's electricity and 29 percent of its energy supply, second only to oil at 31 percent, according to the Paris-based International Energy Agency. The agency projects coal consumption to continue growing somewhat in coming years, largely owing to increased coal demand in India and Southeast Asia.

Coal's future is closely tied to China, the world's biggest coal user, producer and importer. It burns 4 billion tons of coal a year, four times as much as the United States.

Coal accounts for nearly two-thirds of China's energy, but in 2014 its coal consumption fell 2.9 percent year-on-year according to official statistics, or 2.6 percent according to the IEEFA report — the first annual decrease in 15 years. A revision to official Chinese data released earlier

this year showed the country had greatly underestimated its coal consumption from 2000 to 2013, but still showed a dip last year. Beijing is trying to reduce dependency on coal to ease air pollution by switching to natural gas in major cities.

China also has become a leader in clean energy. Last year, it invested more in renewable power and fuels and had more hydropower and wind capacity than any other country, and was second to Germany in solar capacity, according to a report earlier this year by REN21, a Paris-based non-profit group that promotes renewable energy.

The cost of renewable energy is becoming more competitive every year, while coal-fired power plants are increasingly expensive as air pollution controls grow more stringent.

"You have got a wave of new technologies and investments coming where historically power grids were heavily reliant on coal," said Tim Buckley, a Sydney-based energy analyst with the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis.

The continued development of wind, solar and hydropower is good for combatting global warming, "but that's almost an ancillary benefit — the key drivers are economics, technology, leadership and energy security and air and water pollution," Buckley said.

India, the nation with the third-highest carbon emissions after China and the U.S., is at a point where both clean and dirty energy are being scaled up. About a fifth of its more than 1.2 billion people still lack electricity. □

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Dennis Quaid stars in auction-house drama 'Art of More'



This image released by Sony Pictures Television shows Christian Cooke, left, and Dennis Quaid in a scene from "The Art of More," a 10-episode series from the streaming video network Crackle, premiering on Thursday. Associated Press

FRAZIER MOORE

AP Television Writer
BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Beautiful, rare and costly things can really get the juices flowing. And never more so than when offered by a high-end auction house, whose mission is to trigger bloodlust among its rival bidders. "The Art of More" trades on the glamour and greed that drives this cut-throat world. Starring Dennis Quaid and Christian Cooke, it's the first original drama series from streaming network Crackle, where its full 10-episode season, co-starring Kate Bosworth and Cary Elwes, premieres Thursday. Quaid deploys his rascally swagger in full force as Samuel Brukner, a self-made billionaire for whom collecting is a game he refuses to lose.

"He appreciates art," says Quaid, "but along with collecting art, he collects people. He accrues power. He can do anything he wants, so he's fun to play." Cooke plays Graham Connor, a scrappy opportunist who in the 1950s might have been labeled a Sammy Glick. Relentless in his push to rise in the posh auction world, Connor is a charmer and a hustler as he plays on collectors' appetites and addictions while struggling to hide his rough-and-tumble past. Cooke, who played a squeaky-clean prosecutor in Starz' Miami Beach drama "Magic City," here is quite the opposite: His genuine love of art encompasses the art of stealing it and bilking anyone who gets in his way. "All the characters are us-

ing each other to get what they want," Cooke sums up. "They use one another to get ahead."

Quaid, a veteran film star, recently headlined CBS' "Vegas" as crusty, upstanding Sheriff Ralph Lamb.

Asked how it feels to move from a legacy broadcast network to a digital outlet for this new series, he says, "The actual making of the show feels the same as they always do."

"But I love being part of something new," he adds. "This is where everything is going to go. There is where the networks are going to have to go, eventually. This is what people want."

Cooke observes that, whatever the risk borne by a startup series on a niche network, "If the show is good, it finds a voice and an audience. In many ways, doing an independent film is more risky: You make the film without a distribution deal, without knowing if it's going into festivals. With this series, you know you've got the platform."

Asked if he was a habitue of auctions, Quaid smiled: "I went to a cattle auction one time. But I thought this was a really interesting world that I had never seen in a drama before."

It's a world of high-stakes, big-money action that, Cooke notes, saw a Picasso sell a few months ago for \$179 million. Just last week a painting of a nude

by Amedeo Modigliani fetched \$170 million.

"And there's so much more than the money and the theater of the auction," says Cooke. "Our story is about the smuggling of illegal pieces from the Middle East, the trip down a rabbit hole of corruption."

As the story unfolds, Brukner and Connor will by turns clash and work in cahoots. But Quaid and Cooke

report that, behind the scenes, they get along great.

"I took him under my wing," says Quaid.

"Dennis has been great," Cooke declares.

"The only advice I gave you was 'Keep out of my way,'" says Quaid, again flashing his saucy smile. "And I also told you: 'Never, never go outside without looking your best.'" □

Bebe Neuwirth to join faculty of Manhattan School of Music

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NEW YORK (AP) — Bebe Neuwirth is going back to school — the Emmy and Tony winner will be artistic adviser at the Manhattan School of Music's new bachelor's degree program in musical theater. The program is only the second musical theater degree program in the U.S. to be offered at an independent conservatory. It launches in fall 2016.

Neuwirth won the Tony in 1997 for her portrayal of jazz-age killer Velma Kelly in "Chicago." She returned 10 years later as merry murderess Roxie Hart. She also played Matron "Mama" Morton, making history as the first actress to play all three female principal parts. Her other Broadway credits include "The Addams Family," "Fosse," "A Chorus Line," "Sweet Charity" and "Damn Yankees." She also



In this Oct. 7, 2015 file photo, Bebe Neuwirth attends a special screening of "Truth" at The Museum of Modern Art in New York. Associated Press

played Dr. Lilith Sternin in "Cheers" and "Frasier." □

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More than sing, Pharrell and others want to talk about race

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AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — When Pharrell Williams signed up to perform at an all-star concert highlighting race relations in America, the multi-layered musician didn't want to "have a kumbaya type-of-moment" onstage with his fellow performers, as he put it. "That's not what these communities need. They don't need another song, they need action," Williams said in an interview Monday. "And if that's accompanied by music, that's a beautiful thing."

What came from that are two specials airing on A&E on Friday. The two-hour "Shining a Light: A Concert for Progress on Race in America" — which includes Bruce Springsteen, Smokey Robinson, Ed Sheeran, Sia and John Legend — will tape Wednesday at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. It will air at 8 p.m. Eastern on Friday.

"Shining a Light: Conversations on Race in America," a one-hour special, will follow at 10 p.m. Eastern and includes conversations about racial inequality and violence in communities like Baltimore and Ferguson, Missouri.

Williams visited and taped a performance earlier this month at the South Carolina church where nine black parishioners were shot and killed on June 17.



This Oct. 28, 2015 photo provided by A+E Networks shows John Legend performing as part of the "Shining A Light: A Concert for Progress on Race in America," in Ferguson, Mo.

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"We feel like for the first time a major network was very generous and (was) open to the concept of there being a platform for people in communities to voice their opinions and talk about their stories," said Williams, who was joined by Soledad O'Brien in Charleston, South Carolina. "Even if they agree or disagree, they have a platform to do it in an organized way."

Alicia Keys performed in Baltimore, where protests and rioting followed in April after the death of 25-year-old Freddie Gray, who died a week after he was injured in police custody. Legend visited the area where

18-year-old Michael Brown was killed last year in Ferguson and filmed a performance in St. Louis.

"I think A&E ... and everybody wanted to do the show because they were looking at a clear groundswell of activism around Black Lives Matter, a clear heightened awareness of the issue of the relationships between the black community and the police, and seeing so much unrest in the black community over the past couple years. They wanted to do something to bring people together," Legend said Monday.

"My thought was that if

we're going to bring people together, we need to have real discussions and talk about the real pain and distrust that has been deeply rooted in the American culture and American history." Springsteen will perform "American Skin (41 Shots)" at Wednesday's concert, while Sheeran will sing the Impressions' "People Get Ready," Jimmy Cliff's "Many Rivers to Cross" will be performed by Sia, and Legend will duet with Pink on Donny Hathaway's "Someday We'll All Be Free."

R&B newcomer Andra Day will sing her song "Rise Up" with Nick Jonas, while Rhi-

annon Giddens will perform "Cry No More."

"All these songs fit, and it doesn't make a difference what generation they're from, they're all songs of conscience and they're all done by artists who have a conscience," executive producer Ken Ehrlich said.

Sting, Tom Morello, Zac Brown Band, Eric Church, Jamie Foxx, Tori Kelly, Miguel, Pink, Jill Scott, Aloe Blacc and Big Sean will also perform. Presenters include Morgan Freeman, Nicki Minaj, George Lopez, LL Cool J, Mario Lopez and former NFL players Marshall Faulk and Kurt Warner.

Friday's two-hour concert special on A&E will also air on HISTORY, Lifetime, H2, LMN and FYI, as well as on more than 130 iHeartMedia broadcast radio stations and AOL. The hour-long conversation on race following the concert will just air on A&E.

A&E said tickets for the concert sold out in three hours and raised more than \$150,000 for the Fund for Progress on Race in America via The United Way Worldwide.

"I think musicians have a special role in society and artists have a special role," Legend said. "I was with Harry Belafonte this weekend and he admonished us that artists are gatekeepers of the truth and we have a special ability to influence the culture." □

Charlie Sheen says he is HIV-positive, bad boy days are over



Former "Two and a Half Men" star Charlie Sheen, right, is interviewed Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015 on NBC's "Today" in New York.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Charlie Sheen said his bad-boy days are over and, with Tuesday's declaration that he's HIV-positive, he aims to become an inspiration to others.

"My partying days are behind me," Sheen said in a letter posted online. "My philanthropic days are ahead of me."

The manifesto was released as the former "Two and a Half Men" star appeared on NBC's "Today" to say he tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS about four years ago, but that, thanks

to a rigorous drug regimen, he's healthy.

When asked by "Today" co-host Matt Lauer if he had transmitted the disease to others, Sheen declared, "Impossible. Impossible," and insisted he had informed every sexual partner of his condition beforehand. He told Lauer he has had unprotected sex with two partners, both of whom knew ahead of time, adding, with no clarification, "They were under the care of my doctor."

That claim was disputed by Bree Olson, who was living with Sheen in 2011 as one of his two "goddesses."

"He never said anything to me," Olson said on Howard Stern's SiriusXM radio show Tuesday. She said she learned of Sheen's condition only in the past few days, prompting her to be tested. She told Stern the results were negative.

Asked by Lauer if he expected "a barrage of lawsuits" from past sexual partners alleging he infected them, he said wanly, "I'm sure that's next."

But in California, where Sheen resides, a person can be charged with a felony only if they are aware they are HIV-positive and engage in unprotected

sex with another person with the specific intent of exposing them to the disease.

With his public pronouncements, Sheen said he hoped to reduce the stigma and shame still felt by others diagnosed with HIV, as well as by those reluctant to be tested. He voiced hope that "others may come forward and say, 'Thanks, Charlie, for kicking the door open.'"

While some may have dismissed what Sheen said as the latest rantings of a reckless grandstander, others were calling him a champion. □



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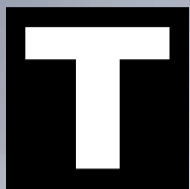


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